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1. EMBASSY COPENHAGEN HAS REGULARLY SHARED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WITH DANISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE MATTERS. DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS BASED ON STATE 296511 AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS WERE HELD WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 (HIGH LEVEL PRINCIPALS WERE ON CHRISTMAS VACATION). RANKING OFFICIALS HAVE NOW RETURNED AND FOLLOW-UP WAS PRESENTED TO THEM.

2. DENMARK WILL NOT ESTABLISH A REFUGEE QUOTA OR COMMIT ITSELF TO PERIODICALLY ACCEPTING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES. THE DANES WILL, HOWEVER, MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS THOSE INDOCHINESE WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO DENMARK OR WHO HAVE COMPELLING FAMILY TIES WITH THE APPROXIMATELY 357 VIETNAMESE ALREADY SETTLED IN THE KINGDOM. ACCEPTANCE OF ANOTHER BLOCK OF REFUGEES IS NOT LIKELY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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3. A NUMBER OF THE VIETNAMESE FAMILIES IN DENMARK ARE ATTEMPTING TO QUALIFY FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES, AND SOME HAVE REASONABLY GOOD PROSPECTS FOR SIXTH PREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISA ELIGIBILITY. ALTHOUGH THE DANES LOOK UPON THEMSELVES AS A COUNTRY OF FINAL REFUGE, THEY DO NOT DISCOURAGE REFUGEES MOVING ON, A REALITY WHICH MAKES ACCEPTANCE OF "A FEW MORE" REFUGEES PALATABLE. ALTHOUGH MOST VIETNAMESE IN DENMARK

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EMIGRATE TO THE US, THE FACT THAT RECEIVING
COUNTRIES MAY BE ONLY TEMPORARY HOSTS TO SOME REFUGEES MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THE USG PITCH TO PROSPECTIVE RECEIV-
ING COUNTRIES.
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